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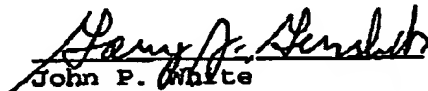
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COMMUNICATION CONFIRMING WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY
OF OFFICE ACTION AND ISSUANCE OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted to confirm a March 10, 2005 telephone conference between Examiner P. Pierre VanderVegt of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the undersigned during which Examiner VanderVegt advised that the finality of the September 13, 2004 Office Action would be withdrawn and a non-final Office Action will be issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants filed a response to the September 13, 2004 Office Action on December 3, 2004.

Based on this telephone conference, applicants are taking no additional action with respect to the September 13, 2004 final Office Action. Specifically, applicants understand that the

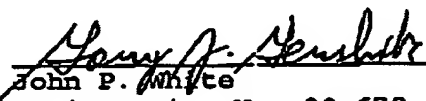
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subject application will remain in pending status due to the withdrawal of the finality of the September 13, 2004 Office Action and the applicants are not required to file a Notice of Appeal by the three-month extended deadline for response to the September 13, 2004 Office Action, i.e. by March 13, 2005, in order for the subject application to maintain pending status. Please contact the undersigned if there is any misunderstanding with respect to this matter.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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